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**MEMORANDUM FOR :** Alabama Wing Personnel

**SUBJECT:** 2004-2005 FTX Cycle

**FROM:** Michael Long, Maj.

The Maxwell Composite Squadron will be starting its seventh cycle of ground team training beginning 18 September 2004. This will start a program of emergency services training for cadets and senior members for the entire Wing. This training includes not only classroom training, but also "hands-on" training in the field. Our squadron's training program is based on the National Emergency Services Curriculum, a task-based program that stresses practical skills. When individuals complete the training, they will have passed all the tasks necessary to become qualified Ground Team Member qualified under the new Emergency Services regulations. This year, we will be following the new Ground Team training levels curriculum. We will start with the tasks necessary to become a GTM-3. At the end of the cycle, each student will have the opportunity to pass tasks all the way up to GTM-1. The training is provided by Maj. Joe Curry, myself, and an experienced cadet and senior staff consisting of National Emergency Services Academy and prior FTX graduates. Although we work in the field, this is not a "boot camp" atmosphere; we stress a program of teamwork and problem solving.

#### *Orientation Weekend*

On September 18, we will hold a day long orientation meeting at Wing Headquarter on Maxwell AFB. The uniform of the day will be utility uniforms. We will start promptly at 0900, and be finished no later than 1600. During this orientation, we will be providing an introduction to the training, the curriculum, and the expectations of this cycle. We will be providing the General ES course and exam for all personnel.

#### *Participant Requirements*

All participants must be cadets or senior members in good standing. We are requiring that cadet participants must be at least a C/Amn.

#### *Staff Assignments*

During the orientation day, we will also hold a review board for staff assignments. Currently, we have the following staff assignments available:

Cadet Executive Officer  
Administration Officer  
Team Leaders (6-8 required)

Field Training Advisors (Senior Members only, 2 or 3 required)

All staff must be at least a rated GTM-3, and have been either a NESA graduate, or a graduate of a previous FTX cycle. Prospective staff members must bring documentation of any emergency services qualifications. All interested staff members should email Maj. Curry detailing which position(s) they wish to apply for. All staff members will be required to attend all FTXs.

#### *FTX Weekends*

FTX Weekends are schedule as follows:

18 September – Orientation Day

October 1-3

November 5-7

January 21-23

February 25-27

March 25-27

April 15-17

MAY – TBD – Makeup Weekend

Details for each weekend will be provided no later than two weeks prior to each training weekend. Generally, weekends begin at 1800 on Friday, and end at 1300 on Sunday. However, these times do change, depending on the weekend.

#### *Cost*

The fee for this cycle is \$10 activity fee. This fee covers the entire cycle. This money is used to provide all the training materials for the participants. This fee is due at the October FTX.

All squadrons need to provide me a list of attendees with CAPID numbers no later than 13 September 04. This ensures that we will have enough training material for all attendees. This training is an excellent way to get qualified as a Ground Team member under the new curriculum. We had very good participation last year; I hope that we can continue to grow.

If there are any questions, please contact either myself ([Michael.long@jrsmith.com](mailto:Michael.long@jrsmith.com)), or Maj. Joe Curry ([jcurry@capnhq.gov](mailto:jcurry@capnhq.gov)).

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FTX Cycle Director

## **2004-2005 Field Training Equipment List**

There is generally concern over the amount of equipment that must be purchased in order to participate. The following details a list of equipment that is the necessary equipment to participate in the training. If individuals do not have each item on this list, they will not be able to participate. At some point during the training cycle, each individual must have all the equipment listed in task O-0001 in order to complete the task. However, not all the task equipment is required up front. We attempt to curtail the amount of equipment that is required to participate in the first few weekends. After participating in ES training, many individuals decide that emergency services activities simply do not interest them. Consequently, new (and possibly unused equipment) simply goes to waste. However, if participants feel as if ES activities interest them, they can acquire equipment slowly over time as they complete their training. Our squadron does own some equipment that can be issued out to cadets on an "as-needed" basis; however, this equipment must be returned to the squadron after the weekend is complete. Most of this equipment can be purchased relatively inexpensively at discount stores or military surplus depots.

### **REQUIRED LIST**

- Battle Dress Uniforms (BDUs), 1 set, complete with all required name tapes and patches, cutouts, and grade insignia in accordance with CAPM 39-1
- BDU cap
- Combat boots, at least one pair
- Blue belt w/subdued tip and buckle for wear w/ BDUs
- Underclothes and socks sufficient for three days
- Toilet kit, including: soap & toothbrush (in cases), toothpaste, razor and shaving cream (as necessary), comb or brush (as necessary), items of feminine hygiene (as necessary), deodorant or antiperspirant, shampoo, other items as necessary (enough to last you for your entire stay).
- At least two quarts of water
- International orange reflective vest
- Pocket knife
- Flashlight (With Red Lense)

- Pocket note pad (3" x 5"), pen and pencil.
- Inexpensive wristwatch.
- Shelter material, preferably 8' x 10' (spare military poncho meets the need).
- Food for two days
- Sleeping bag, bedroll or poncho liner
- Compass
- Whistle